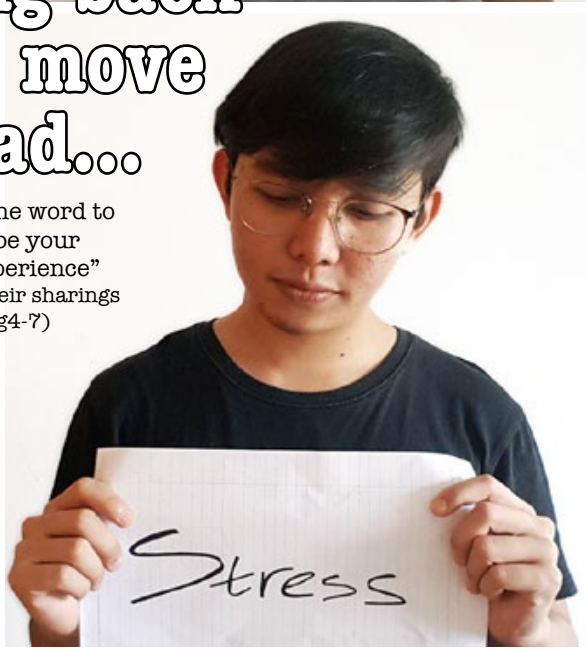


Special Edition 2020 (30th May)



Looking back
as we move
ahead...

Cover: "One word to
describe your
MCO experience"
(more of their sharings
on pg4-7)



Reflections on COVID-19 p2

The stillness of empty roads ushered in the most disruptive global event of my lifetime.

In just weeks, COVID-19 has stripped away the thin veneer of civilization's promises. It has killed, impoverished, and humbled. Churches and places of worship, without historical precedent, have been emptied throughout the world. **But it is in being still that we know God** [Ps 46:10].

COVID-19 targets our God-given humanity.

1. It takes away our very breath, the 'breath of life' [Gen 2:7].

2. It spreads through relationships.

God is relational, and we, made in His image.

Yet, it is relationships that are exploited by the virus.

3. It targets our expressions of love – being close, holding hands, hugs, kisses.

Being denied these expressions saps our humanity. Many stories of burnt out health workers start with the agony of witnessing a death, bereft of the consolation of companionship and closure that cultures universally expect.

4. It prevents many from worship; whether as work, a good God-given mandate and privilege [Gen 2:15], or collectively with our voices.



Our best
and worst
instincts,
our most
selfless and
selfish acts,
collectively &
individually,
are paraded
for all to see.

By targeting our humanity, we are forced to make painful trade-offs between different aspects of our humanity. For example, a physical expression of love can literally take another's breath away. So, through near solitary confinement, perhaps one of the worst deprivations imposable on humans, we express lifesaving solidarity.

We are tested, like the Kobayashi Maru (of Star Trek acclaim), to make life-death choices between ourselves, our buddies, and vulnerable others.

As **individuals**, our micro-decisions during daily interactions can harm ourselves or others.

As **health workers**, we choose who deserves the last ventilator, who to test vaccines on by intentional exposure to the virus, and to whom should aerosol-generating CPR be administered.

As a **society**, whether by indecision or intention, we choose who amongst us should be better protected or less protected, who is greater and who is lesser.

How then can we respond?

COVID-19 cuts
the heart of
our humanity,
exposing our
darkness but
also clearing
the way for
light to shine
through. We
will be judged
by God and
history by our
response and
the civilization
we rebuild.



Dr Yap Wei Aun
SIB City Life, KL

1. With humility and faith.

A reminder of our frail humanity and imperfections despite the progress of civilization. Do not be '*alarmed*' [Mark 13:7], but '*be on guard, keep awake*' [v33] for our Redeemer lives.

2. Our identity and worth in God.

Students and fresh graduates, as with many others throughout the world, face exceptionally challenging times. Yes, most will still graduate but without the closure of bittersweet farewells at graduation or the 'security' of jobs. There will be cries of unfairness and postponed dreams, but in stillness *let us pray that 'the eyes of [our] hearts [be] enlightened'* [Eph 1:18] to our hope in God. It is in remembering our identity in God that we claim this once-in-a-generation opening to bring fresh ideas and resolve to renew ourselves, our nation, our world, and our planet.

3. It is a 'new normal' but be God's timeless church.

The physical closure of churches and (appropriate) prohibitions from gatherings, have swept us abruptly into a 'mission trip'. We now experience the normal for persecuted, underground churches, who cannot gather without risk to themselves or others but live by faith and creativity. With the same posture, though we pine for physical fellowship, let us look forward not back, to explore new missions where outreach is unconstrained by location or the physicality of fellowship.

4. Embrace technology

– it can be the difference between unemployment and work; between solitary confinement and the chance to catch up with friends and family throughout the world; and so, for the church, it should be a **mission horizon.**

Being
Brother's
Keeper

Satu Penemuan Semasa PKP:

Esti Persekutuan

Keluarga saya akan bersekutu bersama setiap malam pada jam 8. Pada masa yang sama, saya turut mengambil waktu saya sendiri bersama Tuhan awal pagi selepas bangun dan juga lewat malam selepas persekutuan keluarga, sebelum tidur.

Tanpa PKP, pemikiran untuk bersekutu itu mungkin tidak akan wujud.

Pada mulanya, bila kami ingin melakukan persekutuan pertama kami, suasana agak ganjil kerana *saya mempersoalkan kenapa harus dilakukan sebegini seolahnya kita buat di gereja*. Tambahan lagi, kami melakukan persekutuan setiap malam. Saya menyangkakan bahawa melakukan perkara sama setiap malam akan menjadi bosan lama-kelamaan tetapi sangkaan saya salah.

Ada suatu malam di mana kami menegur antara satu sama lain. Malam yang lain, kami saling mengampuni salah kami dan menyatakan kebenaran. Selain itu, kami saling menggalakkan *satu sama lain*. Hal ini adalah kerana Firman Tuhan, yang baru setiap hari. Firman Tuhan yang tidak kuno malah memberi roh yang baru buat kami sekeluarga. **Saya bersyukur lewati setiap persekutuan, kami semakin teguh dan rapat.**

Satu perkara yang membuat saya merasa terbeban semasa PKP adalah...

Tidak dapat melakukan apa-apa untuk membantu mereka yang memerlukan.



Joel Laing

UiTM Kota Samarahan, Sarawak.
PKP@Rumah: Bintulu

A Discovery During MCO

Being Powerless & Community

I understood how small and powerless I am in the vastness of the world. A virus that cannot be seen by the naked eye seems to have brought the whole world to a grinding halt.

Another important thing that I rediscovered during this period is that the **time we spend with the people we love, like family and friends is important and something we shouldn't take for granted.**

As you are away from home, how can we pray for your country?

Pray for those suffering during the pandemic and for missionaries who are persecuted while preaching the gospel.

One thing that I felt strongly about during MCO was...

It allowed me to slow down and reevaluate my priorities.
I spend more time talking to my family and friends,
something that I had taken for granted.

Jeremy R Sarin

Newcastle University Medicine, Johor

From: India

MCO@Campus





A Discovery During MCO

Another Chance

During this MCO, my internship changed its format from practicum to submitting reports only. I kept procrastinating as I told myself
“Whole day at home, I will have time.”

I couldn't stop looking at social media sites and YouTube even when I found it boring. *Then laziness crept in.* One night, I couldn't sleep well because the word 'lazy' kept appearing on my mind. *It felt like God was sending me reminders because this will become a bad habit if I do not handle it properly.* So, I prayed to God for help.

When the third phase of MCO started, everyone had different feelings. As for me, I think that it was another chance that God gave to me to change my bad habit and I must cherish it.

To sum it up, Psalm 139 represents what I discovered in this MCO. Again, God is good, all the time.

One thing that I felt strongly about during MCO was...

The unknown (uncertainties)



Ling Jia Pei
UTAR, Sg Long
MCO@Home: Yong Peng, Johor

A Discovery During MCO

On being Thankful

I'm indeed living in a very blessed community. I have heard and seen news of those who earn daily wages struggling to feed themselves and their families. It saddens me that they are not allowed to work during this time and because of that, they do not have any income.

I used to whine about the tiniest inconvenience in my life. Now I realise that even though my family isn't wealthy, I am very grateful to my parents for providing me with all my needs. I am extremely blessed to be staying in a comfortable home with food on the table despite this chaotic situation going on right now.

I am also very glad that I can be home during this period to spend time with my family. The small talk we have had during dinners can bring so much happiness!

I'm learning to appreciate the simpler things in life that God has blessed me with!

One thing that I felt strongly about during MCO was...

I did not appreciate a lot of things before this MCO. I took for granted my daily routines and people close to me. Now I'm learning to appreciate how much the little things matter.

Lim Hueybing, Adelaide
AIMST University, Kedah
MCO@Home: KK, Sabah





Scenes during MCO

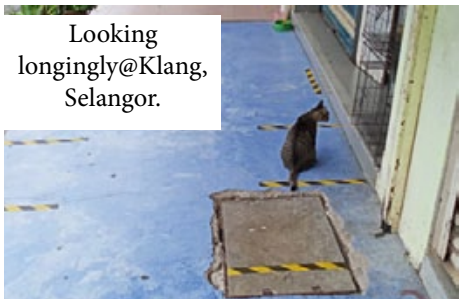
"Ini adalah perjalanan yang selamat"
- briefing@UNIMAS, Sarawak before students
are sent to the airport.



The Chipmunk has landed@KLIA!



Looking
longingly@Klang,
Selangor.



Waiting for the food aid@
Penampang, Sabah.



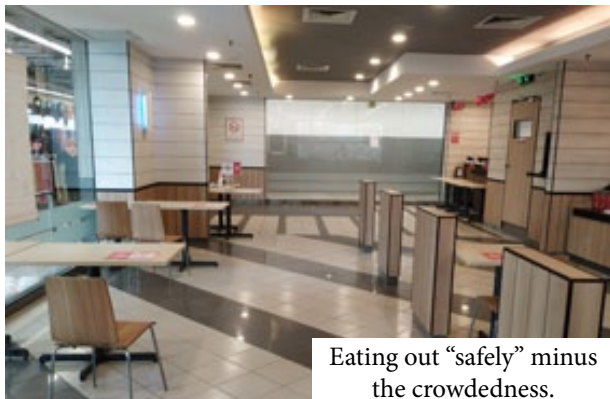
Food delivery taken to a
new level in Sabah.





Scenes during CMCO

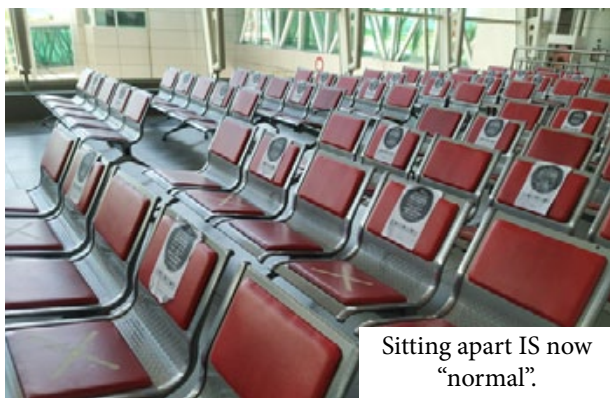
Until it is safe for the vulnerable among us, restrictions will be imposed and “*physical*” distancing will continue. Perhaps we can look on all these things as reminders of what we have discovered during our “lockdown” and to take those lessons forward.



Eating out “safely” minus the crowdedness.



What about those who don't have access?



Sitting apart IS now “normal”.



Temperature checks, contact tracing through written/QR code scans before entering premises.



Keep to your own enclosure, please.

Follow us on Social Media





Describe your MCO using a word / phrase...



Enjoy

Phoebe Sam Le Yun

TARUC, KL

MCO@Home: Kuantan, Pahang

Musim latihan peribadi yang baru

Alrence Eipas anak Reding

ILKKM, Kuching

PKP@Rumah: Puncak Borneo, Sarawak

Unexpected opportunity to stay with my family

Esther Yii

IPG Kolej Darul Aman, Kedah

MCO@Home: Sibu, Sarawak

Bersyukur

Winnley Jupin

ILKKM, Kota Kinabalu

PKP@Rumah: Beluran, Sabah

Sedih kerana praktikal akan dibuat tahun depan

Gibson Lasong

Sidma College, Kota Kinabalu

PKP@Rumah: Lawas, Sarawak

Interesting, quiet, alone

Janet Hii Ai Jinn

UM (Chinese Minstry), KL

Hometown: Bintangor, Sarawak

(MCO@Campus)

Takut & risau kalau terbawa balik virus Covid-19 ke rumah selepas beli barang keperluan keluarga

Vallince Anyi Latip

IKBN, Miri

PKP@Rumah: Miri, Sarawak

Bad situation but there is goodness in it

Bill Baru Sigar

UTeM, Melaka

Hometown: Miri, Sarawak

(MCO@Melaka)

Time management

Lim Tse Ken

MMU, Melaka

MCO@Home: Melaka

Pengakhiran semester yang tidak dijangka - pelan tertangguh

Jessica Domunih

IPG Kolej Sultan Abdul Halim, Kedah

Rumah: Kota Belud, Sabah

(PKP@Kampus)





Persaudaraan Kristian

Universiti Pendidikan
Sultan Idris **(PERKUPSI)**

Q: Bagaimanakah pelajar-pelajar PERKUPSI menjadi “*Brother’s Keeper*” sepanjang PKP ini?”

1. PERKUPSI melakukan persekutuan online 2 kali seminggu.
2. Membuat cover-song “*Doa Kami*” bersama beberapa ahli PERKUPSI.
3. Pendataan dibuat dalam bulan April untuk melihat keperluan ahli melalui borang tinjauan online supaya bantuan dapat dihulurkan dengan cepat dan bertepatan.

Pada bulan Mei, kerajaan telah menghantar pelajar-pelajar pulang secara berperingkat. Dengan pembelajaran yang akan dibuat secara online sehingga bulan Disember, PERKUPSI akan menyebarkan buletin melalui email dan WhatsApp kepada ahli-ahli supaya tidak terputus perkhabaran sesama mereka.



Bible Study online



Pengedaran bantuan



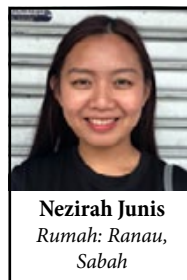
Studio buatan sendiri

Q: Bagaimanakah pula pengalaman sebagai seorang individu (ahli PERKUPSI) sepanjang PKP di kampus?

1. Belajar skil baharu seperti: Recording Studio, Boba Milk Tea dan video editing.
2. Berinisiatif untuk melakukan Free Delivery Service (barang runcit) untuk rakan-rakan di gereja yang sukar untuk keluar rumah untuk mendapatkan bekalan makanan dua kali seminggu.
3. Membantu pihak Gereja SIB Tanjung Malim untuk mengagihkan bantuan makanan kepada jemaat serta yang memerlukan.
4. Bekerjasama dengan Persatuan Anak Negeri untuk mencari dan mengagihkan bantuan daripada NGO dan kerajaan negeri, bagi membantu Anak Negeri yang terjejas di perantaraan.
5. Menjalankan beberapa perniagaan kecil-kecilan untuk menjana pendapatan seperti: Runner Service, COD Kolomee, Boba Milk Tea dan sebagainya.

Ada beberapa benda baharu yang saya lakukan:

1. Tanam sayur
2. Hubungan antara saya dan rakan-rakan serumah semakin erat sebab setiap malam kami berdoa dan kami main beberapa permainan.



Nezirah Junis
Rumah: Ranau,
Sabah



FES in the coming days

**This is an alarm, a call to pay attention!
God is speaking.**

We sense that God is calling us to...

What
is
God
calling
us
to?

1. **UNMASK** what is displeasing to Him.
Our lifestyles that have been influenced by the world and the oppressive systems that we have been part of without realizing.
2. **REPENT** from our complacency and be filled with an eagerness for God and His Will, for our lives and the world.
3. **RETURN** to God as our anchor in life rather than depending on ourselves or the systems we have built.

God wants to REDEEM OUR LIVES.

Let us consider our ways. Take heed before it is too late!

**Central bids farewell
to 2 staff as they
return to serve in
their home state...**



Grace Ningkan (left) & Jessica Manja prepare to return home to join the Sarawak team, making them a team of 7.



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